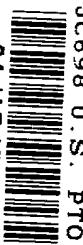


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 - i. 22 pages of description prior to the claims;
 - ii. 6 pages of claims (37 claims - 6 independent claims);
 - iii. a one (1) page abstract;
- b. 12 sheets of drawings: (Figures 1A-B, 2, 3A-C, 4, 5, 6A-D, and 7-8); and
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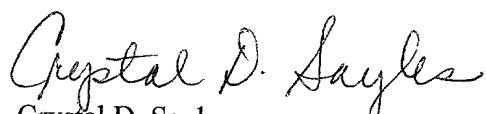
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